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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

CREECH et al.

Application No.: 09/927,267

Filed: August 10, 2001

For: CNG2B: A NOVEL HUMAN  
CYCLIC NUCLEOTIDE-GATED ION  
CHANNEL

Examiner: Li, Ruixiang

Art Unit: 1646

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 11, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A petition for extension of time to respond for three months from October 11, 2002, to January 13, 2003, is filed herewith.

Appendix A is provides the "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made." All pending claims under examination are presented in Appendix B. Also attached is Exhibit 1.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute claims 1, 5, and 7-9 with the following amended version: